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Winter's interlude

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Thousands of people celebrated winter in the nation's capital during the opening weekend of Winterlude.

It was a very successful weekend, said National Capital Commission spokeswoman Julie Rocheleau yesterday.

While the NCC won't have attendance numbers until the end of the three weeks, all four Winterlude sites were full all weekend, she said.

Although more than 14,000 people attended the opening night ceremonies at the Snowbowl downtown Friday, balmy weekend temperatures kept 'em coming all weekend.

Accompanied by friends Jeffrey Jensen and Sheila Yabar, Bianca Robin checked out the ice sculptures at the Crystal Garden at Confederation Park yesterday, but the Ottawa resident admitted she's really looking forward to testing the snow slides at Jacques Cartier Park.

The slides were the first thing that Heather Bourque, her husband, Shon Winters, and their children, Michael, 7, and Kaileigh, 5, visited over the weekend.

Bourque loves that Winterlude is so family-friendly.

"There's fresh air and exercise, and you're never too old for snow slides, ice sculptures and the canal," she said.

Winterlude breaks up what would otherwise be a long winter in Ottawa, said city resident Gino Landry, who took his daughter, Sarah, 7, to Confederation

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Friends Domini Harling, 33, Ayesha Khan, 26, Sumaira Razzaq, 23, and Alia Khan, 16, enjoy a skate yesterday on the Rideau Canal.

Park yesterday.

"It's the only thing we've got between Christmas and March Break," he said.

Over on the Rideau Canal Skateway, Tyler MacKenzie enjoyed a spin around the ice with girlfriend Sheri and daughter, Madison, 5.

"There are a lot of people, but it's not too crowded," he said.

While Ukiuk, Winterlude's new sound and light show, was well attended, other events, including the bed races and the message in the bottle event, were very popular, Rocheleau said.

Yesterday's warmer temperatures caused a bit of slushiness on the canal in the downtown area and problems for the ice sculptures in the park, but Rocheleau is confident cooling temperatures forecasted in the coming weeks will make Winterlude a success.

Winterlude attracts 650,000 attendees annually.

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Grammys

Viva La Vida



Coldplay's frontman Chris Martin performs during the 51st annual Grammy Awards held at the Staples Center last night in Los Angeles. Coldplay took home at least three Grammys last night, including best rock album for Viva La Vida. **Story, pg 11**

Snowmobile death under investigation

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QUEBEC Police are investigating the death of a 51-year-old Ottawa man following a snowmobile collision in western Quebec late Saturday night.

The collision occurred at a snowmobile trail near Quyon in the Pontiac district at 10:26 p.m. Police arrived shortly afterward, where the man's wife allegedly told officers that she had been driving the snow-

mobile when it tipped over.

She allegedly said the man fell off and hit a tree, said MRC des Collines-de l'Outaouais Sgt. Stéphane Forget yesterday.

The man, whose name is not being released, was taken to hospital in Shawville, but was later transferred to the hospital in Hull where he died from his injuries.

After investigating the scene, the officers found evidence and witness statements contradicted the woman's statements.

"There are a lot of ele-

ments pointing to the direction that the man who died was the driver of a different snowmobile," said Forget. "There is a part still under investigation to determine how many snowmobiles were involved in this accident and what snowmobile was driven by the man who died."

A woman is now under investigation for misleading police.

Forget said alcohol may have been a factor in the collision. A coroner is investigating.

Vancouver Games

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Prostitution raid

Ottawa police charged 10 people with a total of 23 criminal offences during a two-day prostitution sweep that targeted street-level prostitution in the Vanier and upper town areas late last week. **METRO OTTAWA**

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Local



Extra! Extra! Newspaper boxes stolen

Ottawa police are investigating the theft of newspaper boxes in the city's downtown core and in the east end. Since Dec. 1, about 40 newspaper boxes have been stolen. Most thefts occur overnight between midnight and 3 a.m. Anyone witnessing suspicious activity overnight around newspaper boxes is asked to contact the Ottawa police at 613-236-1222, ext. 5166, or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS).

METRO OTTAWA

New bylaw leaves some vendors in the cold

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After 13 years of selling mittens, tuques, T-shirts and scarves in an outdoor stall in the ByWard Market, Berhe Hagos said he is being forced out of business.

Due to a new bylaw regulating vendors in the market, Hagos was denied a permit to operate and will have to close up shop in April, while he said others selling identical goods have been granted a permit.

"It's not systematic. It's absolutely nonsense," said Hagos yesterday. "I gave them the same information. We applied for the same stuff, but they accept others. Why? I cannot answer," said Hagos.

Most of Hagos' winter stock is knit items from Nepal. The items are similar to those sold at several other tables in the market.

Another

vendor whose permit was not renewed also expressed

confusion as to why he was rejected when other stalls selling similar merchandise were approved. He asked that his name not be used as he hoped to meet with market managers to work on his application.

When the new bylaw came into effect, vendors had to apply for new permits. City markets manager Philip Powell said vendors had months to review the criteria and out of

the 42 arts and crafts applicants, only five were denied permits.

"We worked as hard as we could," said Powell.

"It's a reality that there are some applications that just didn't make the grade as far as what council had defined as art and craft."

Applications were scored by a judged panel, where to be accepted, vendors needed 70 points out of 120. If vendors were rejected, they had an opportunity to adjust their application and resubmit it.

Seniority had no impact on the initial application, but it will have an impact on stall placement.

"It's not systematic. It's absolutely nonsense."

Berhe Hagos, vendor



After running a stall in the ByWard Market for 13 years, Berhe Hagos said he was denied a permit to continue operating, while others were given permits to sell what he considers identical items.

Truck cracks through river ice

ACCIDENT Yesterday morning, when Sylvain Martin went to get his truck out of the Ottawa River, he discovered somebody had smashed the windshield with beer bottles overnight.

Around 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Martin and his friend were driving on the ice between ice fishing huts on the Ottawa River near Petrie Island when the front end of Martin's 2000 GMC plunged through the ice.

Police and firefighters cordoned off the immediate area, but people continued to ice fish on the river yesterday. **METRO OTTAWA**

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

Video Expected aid for U.S. financial sector has investors optimistic for this week's trading at metronews.ca/canada

Lotteries

Friday, Feb. 6
Lotto Super 7: 1, 2, 8, 20, 33, 35 & 42 Bonus 15
Saturday, Feb. 7
Lotto 6/49: 14, 20, 24, 30, 34 & 37 Bonus 31
Sunday, Feb. 8
Ontario Pick 3: 2 6 1; Ontario Pick 4: 4 2 4 6
Encore: 9718543;
Daily Keno: 2, 4, 5, 11, 16, 17, 19, 20, 25, 30, 32, 37, 41, 44, 49, 52, 54, 66, 67, 70
These results are not official.

Celebrating a great Canadian pastime

Back when he lived in La Tabatiere in Quebec's lower north shore, Rick Cormier enjoyed ice fishing.

He didn't think he'd get the chance to go again when he moved to Gatineau last month.

But yesterday, the 10-year-old got a pleasant surprise when he and his family went to Winterlude at Jacques Cartier Park.

The third annual Ice Fishing in Outaouais event introduces people from both sides of the Ottawa River to the quintessential Canadian pastime.

While Cormier didn't need any advice, he was in the minority, said event co-ordinator Jean Provost.

This is the first time ice fishing for almost all the participants, said Provost, a biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Wildlife in Quebec.

This weekend, and over the next two weekends, an estimated 1,500 people will try their hand at ice fishing.



Alex Stewart, 5, caught his first fish with the help of Benoit Page at Jacques Cartier Park yesterday.

Through a free course, children learn about fish biology, fishing regulations, techniques and a pastime practiced by many in the region, Provost said.

Organizers stocked 1,500 rainbow trout in a seven-by-20-metre cage below the ice for participants to catch — and keep.

While ice fishing experienced a decline in popularity over the last 10 years, it's seen a resurgence in the last year, said Provost.

Although the program might be one reason, Provost said many people realized how conducive the area is to the activity.

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TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

News in brief

CHARGES A fourth Ottawa man was charged in relation to the massive provincewide child porn take down last week.

Veljko Bajagic, 26, appeared in court Saturday charged with possession of child pornography and making available child pornography. Bajagic is the 32nd person charged in Ontario under the provincial strategy takedown.

ARREST Armed robbers were arrested Saturday night after a witness identified their getaway car. At approximately 9:30 p.m., a suspect entered the Mac's Milk convenience store on Baseline Road and

Fisher Avenue in the city's west end. Brandishing a knife, the suspect made off with an undisclosed amount of cash. An alert citizen, who had watched the suspect flee to a waiting vehicle operated by a second male, called the police and the two men were arrested.

ROBBERY Police are investigating after a group of armed robbers made off with cash and lottery tickets from a west-end convenience store. At 3:20 a.m. Saturday, four to six suspects in their late teens and dressed in black entered the Food Frenz on Carling Avenue near

Grenon Avenue and brandishing a knife and a handgun, robbed the store. There were no injuries.

THEFT Two Ottawa men have been arrested following a two-month investigation by the Ottawa police targeting the illegal export of stolen vehicles from Canada to Lebanon. In cooperation with the RCMP, Canada Border Services Agency and the Insurance Bureau of Canada, investigators recovered \$400,000 worth of vehicles and vehicle parts during the investigation. Police charged Hanna Tanios, 39, and Ayad Tirani, 39. **METRO OTTAWA**

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Despite lowering projections and launching massive recruiting drives, the military hasn't been able to increase personnel numbers enough to meet government pledges, a new report finds. Regular forces were supposed to be boosted to 65,537 in 2007-08, but numbers were only up to 64,403. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Military struggling to boost personnel numbers

Canada



Painkiller misuse to be probed

The province of Ontario will lead a national probe into the misuse of the painkiller OxyContin, left, a prescription narcotic frequently doled out by doctors that can lead to severe addiction and death. In Ontario alone, an estimated 464 deaths in five years have been blamed on oxycodone, the drug contained in the popular painkillers. Known as "hillbilly heroin" by abusers, a \$4 pill has a street value of up to \$45. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Examining possible threats

GAMES While he believes that the likelihood of a terrorist attack during the 2010 Games is low, Simon Fraser University political science professor Douglas Ross warns that it's still a possibility. Below, he comments on some potential security threats.

1 Suicide bombers in high-volume areas is "maybe be the most probable" threat.

2 An explosive hidden in a vehicle. "A 500-metre to one-kilometre radius would just be utterly destroyed."

3 Terrorist organizations using fissile materials to create nuclear explosives. "That's the lowest probability but the highest risk."

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Games safety questioned

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VANCOUVER 2010 Games

As the estimated cost for Olympic security soars to nearly six times the original budget, an expert at Simon Fraser University says more needs to be done.

According to RCMP Assistant Commissioner Bud Mercer, there will be about 8,000 law enforcement officials on site during the two-week Games, securing the perimeters of Olympic venues and screening attendees for weapons and other prohibited items.

There will also be hundreds of surveillance cameras installed in and around Olympic sites as



Canadian Forces members seen in Stanley Park ahead of this week's Olympics security training exercise. Plans are being considered to set up army camps in the Vancouver-Whistler corridor during the Games.

well as vehicle and pedestrian screening. All newspaper boxes will be removed from the perimeter of Olympic venues.

Cpl. Jen Allan, spokeswoman for the Vancouver 2010 Integrated Security Unit, said the ISU receives intelligence from domestic and international security

partners, conducts ongoing risk assessments and devises tactics accordingly. "We're confident in where we are in terms of planning," she said.

However, Douglas Ross, a political science professor at Simon Fraser University who specializes in foreign policy and interna-

tional security studies, said Vancouver has been ill-prepared from the get-go, calling the original budget of \$175 million — which has since jumped to about \$1 billion — "a joke."

"They're trying to classify and hide everything because they really haven't done enough," Ross said.

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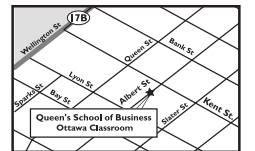
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Marijuana use ups testicular cancer risk: Study

Marijuana use may increase the risk of developing testicular cancer, in particular a more aggressive form of the disease, according to a U.S. study. Current users were 70 per cent more likely to develop it than non-users, with 10-year-plus users, frequent users or men who started smoking before age 18 at the highest risk. **REUTERS**

World/Business

Combat rages in Sri Lanka

More than 1,400 civilians poured out of Sri Lanka's war zone yesterday, bringing the total in the last four days to nearly 14,000 as soldiers try to deal a death blow to the separatist Tamil Tiger rebels, the military said.

The rate of civilians trapped in fighting between the military and the cornered Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) has picked up sharply this week, signalling the onset of faster military operations to wipe out the guerrillas.

More than 50,000 soldiers are converging on a sliver of jungle in the Indian Ocean island's northeast to crush the LTTE — now estimated to number no more than 2,000 hard-

Ongoing violence

- On Saturday, 35 Tamil Tiger fighters counter-attacked with an armour-plated vehicle and tried a suicide attack in the village of Puthukudiyiruppu.

- A week ago, Tiger suicide fighters drove an explosives-laden truck with another vehicle toward advancing troops, killing as many as 15 soldiers.

core fighters — and end a war that has flared off and on since 1983.

Combat raged at numerous locations in the 175 sq km battle zone, killing at least 11 guerrillas in a series of attacks and counter-attacks on Saturday, the military said.

"On Saturday, 5,600 had come out. And today there are 1,400 who have come at the moment. There will be more and more com-

ing," military spokesman Brigadier Udaya Nanayakkara said.

Thursday marked the first major exodus, and since then 13,700 people have come to army-held territory, most of them heading west and away from the fighting on the A-35 road, he said.

Since Jan. 1, about 17,900 have fled the fighting. That is roughly between seven and 15 per cent of the total

trapped in the area — aid agencies say around 250,000 are there, while the government says the number is about half of that.

Sri Lanka, aid agencies and rights groups have accused the rebels of forcibly keeping people in the war zone as human shields, conscripts and labourers. The Tigers deny that.

The pro-rebel website tamilnet.com accused the military of shelling roads and groups of civilians, killing more than 120 people last week, but cited no sources. The military denies targeting civilians.

Verifying battlefield reports is next to impossible since the war zone is sealed off to independent media. **REUTERS**

Business

129,000 Canadian jobs lost in January

Canada's economy shed 129,000 jobs in January, bigger than any monthly drop seen in the last two recessions, pushing the national unemployment rate up 0.6 of a percentage point to 7.2 per cent.

Canada's manufacturing sector continued to bear the brunt of the economy's job losses last month as the automotive industry scaled back production in response to fee-

to take effect.

The severity of the overall job cuts prompted some economists to warn the jobless rate could reach double digits, as hopes for a quick economic rebound grow dimmer.

"This was just an all-around bad report," said Derek Holt, vice-president of Scotia Capital Economics.

For all of this year, Scotia Capital has been expecting about

"I do not discount the risk of going double digits on the unemployment rates on both sides of the border."

Economist Derek Holt

250,000 net job losses in Canada. "We just got half that in one month, so these are all uncharted waters on so many variables," Holt said. "I do not discount the risk of going double digits on the unemployment rates on both sides of the border."

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Australian bushfire kills at least 108

FIRE Australia's deadliest bushfire crisis eased early today, but the death toll kept rising with at least 108 people killed as families searched for scores of missing in the ruins.

Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd told Australian television the bushfires north of Melbourne, some of which police believe were deliberately lit, reached "a level of horror that few of us anticipated. There are no words to describe it other than mass murder."

The media are reporting the death toll could reach 170 as authorities searched hundreds of burnt-out homes. More than 750 houses were destroyed and some 78 people, with serious burns and injuries, are in hospital. **REUTERS**

Treasury delays unveiling bailout

ECONOMY The Obama administration yesterday pushed back until tomorrow the announcement of a bank rescue plan that would shore up some of the biggest commercial banks in the United States as it pressed lawmakers to settle their differences over a \$800-billion US economic stimulus package. **REUTERS**

Israel Different viewpoints



A passerby stands in front of a Kadima party campaign billboard depicting Israel's Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni in Jerusalem yesterday. With his poll lead narrowing ahead of tomorrow's parliamentary election, right-winger Benjamin Netanyahu stressed Israelis' fears of Arab attacks and said government plans to trade land for peace were doomed to failure. His main opponent, the centrist Kadima party leader Livni, said she would continue the U.S.-sponsored peace process with the Palestinians that she pursued as foreign minister.

News in brief

DIPLOMACY Russia yesterday welcomed a pledge by the United States "to press the reset button" on relations with Moscow. U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden said at a security conference on Saturday it was time to end a dangerous drift in ties and work with Moscow. Russian Deputy Prime Minister Sergei Ivanov, after meeting Biden yesterday, said the United States' willingness to co-operate "inspires optimism."

ECONOMY The International Monetary Fund is considering how it could provide support to emerging market countries vulnerable to the downturn, despite the fact they have sound policies and fundamentals. A Fund spokesman used Poland as an example of where such a program could work "on a contingent, as-needed basis." Both Polish and Fund officials denied any such policy program was under discussion.

SPAIN Spain will not cut firing costs or worker rights as an answer to its economic crisis, but create jobs and guarantee dole for the jobless, Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said yesterday. Spanish workers shouldn't pay for economic problems, he said, considering "this crisis wasn't started by workers, by normal people ... it was generated by people without scruples, who only think about greed." **REUTERS**

Billion-pound bank bonus prompts outrage in U.K.

PAYMENTS Reports that the Royal Bank of Scotland was about to award its staff a billion pounds in bonuses prompted outrage in Britain yesterday at a time of soaring unemployment and with a deep recession looming.

British Finance Minister Alistair Darling vowed that bankers who had lost money would not get big cash bonuses, though he said it was too early to follow U.S. President Barack Obama's lead and put a mandatory cap on bankers' pay. **REUTERS**

Opposition politicians said Darling's decision to launch a review into banks' management and remuneration was too late to stop a wave of hefty bonuses.

The Sunday Telegraph newspaper reported that RBS plans to pay out nearly a billion pounds in bonuses this year, even though it has just posted the biggest-ever financial loss for a British company and required a 20-billion-pound government bailout to stay afloat last year. **REUTERS**

Business in brief

MARKETS The Nikkei share average rose one per cent today, after earlier hitting its highest point in over a week, buoyed by exporters on a weaker yen and hopes for economic stimulus measures by the U.S. government. Komatsu Ltd. and other machinery stocks gained after data showing Japan's core machinery orders fell 1.7 per cent in December from the

previous month, much less than expected.

LAB FIRMS Clinical research services providers, which have benefited in recent years from drugmakers increasingly farming out drug development, are seeing growth levels slowing as clients start delaying low-priority research to further cut costs in a recession. **REUTERS**

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Valentine's Day playbook

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Anne Hines



This is a public service announcement. Men, Valentine's Day is almost here. Now, in guy speak "almost here" means "today" or "Darn, I missed it." Or "Darn, I missed it again." But be forewarned, Valentine's Day is in five days. And to the woman in your life, five days is "almost here."

Some men are masters of the art of romance. My brother, David, for instance, buys his wife single red roses, makes cards by hand and takes the kids out so she can enjoy a quiet bubble bath. There's a term to describe men like this — still married.

But for those of you who

are slightly more special-occasion-challenged, here's a little advice to help you avoid what happened last Valentine's Day ... and you know what that was. I offer The Hine-sight Guide to Avoiding V. Day Disaster.

Picture this day as the Super Bowl of romantic occasions. You are the quarterback. How does a quarterback ensure the play gets completed? He doesn't say, "Um ... I'm just going to throw something together with whatever I can grab at Shoppers Drug Mart." He plans ahead.

Begin with the gift. The gift is vital.

Valentine's Day

But do not stress yourself thinking a gift has to be big or expensive. It just has to be perfect.

You see, to a man, a gift says, "This is a gift." To a woman, a gift says, "This is how I see you. This is how I feel about you in my deepest most truthful heart of hearts." The reason women place so much importance on gifts is that we don't always have any other way of getting



that information. Remember, no woman wants to know you think of her as a red flannel nightgown or new car mats. Instead, look at the kind of thing she buys herself and buy her more of it.

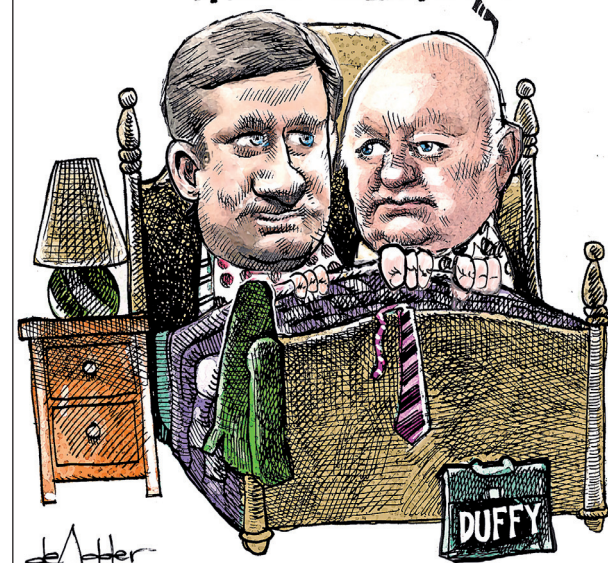
Next, choose where to present the gift. As a rule of thumb, unless you met, had your first date and conceived your first child at a Taco Bell, fast food restaurants do not spell "romance." Making her dinner will score you big points, particularly if you don't watch TV while eating or suggest that, since you cooked, she do the washing up.

With a little attention to the playbook, you can run this Valentine's Day right through the end zone.

Or, in woman speak, you won't be sleeping alone for the next 12 months.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

I THINK IT'S REPULSIVE HOW PREMIER GHIZ GOT INTO BED WITH PREMIER DANNY WILLIAMS.



Letters

The love affair with bottled water is over

In Ontario, municipal water systems are among the safest and strongest in the world. Meanwhile, bottled water costs more, is less regulated, consumes more energy and releases more harmful toxins.

It's becoming clear that the recent love affair with bottled water has reached its limits. Bottled water's 15 minutes are up, the marketing scam is out of the closet and the tap is back.

The simple fact is there is no green solution to bottled water. In Ontario, 13 municipalities have banned bottled water and 14 more are considering options.

The only question now is whether the province will be next.

JOE CRESSY, OTTAWA

Shame on Toronto transit for running atheist ads

Re: Atheist ads promote debate, understanding (Feb. 5)

It is plain to see that spirituality has a strong bearing on morality, apart from a few exceptions. No

wonder our society is suffering from murders, rapes, and assorted crimes. Toronto transit will have contributed to the furtherance of these evils, which will continue.

As per the 30th anniversary Reader's Digest Reader, Nobel Prize winner Dr. Robert Millikan said, "Just how we fit into the plans of the Great Architect and how much He has assigned us to do, we do not know, but if we fail in our assignment it is pretty certain that part of the job will be left undone. But fit in we certainly do somehow, else we would not have a sense of our own responsibility. A purely materialistic philosophy is to me the height of unintelligence."

Abe Lincoln said, "I should be the veriest shallow and self-conceited blockhead, in my discharge of the duties of this place, if I should hope to get along without the wisdom that comes from God and not from man."

I applaud the Victoria and Halifax transit systems.

Shame on Toronto transit.

ABE SAMUEL, CALGARY

Views

Time for politicians to lead by example

InTransit

John Holmes



More than one million people attended U.S. President Barack Obama's inauguration. It's thought the majority got there using public transit. Despite fears the Washington, D.C., transit system would be overwhelmed, it coped admirably. Somehow, I don't think OC Transpo would have managed quite as well.

Speculation has abounded that the presidential visit on Feb. 19 prompted the end of the transit strike. Perhaps I'm naive, but I'm

not buying that. I still think Labour Minister Rona Ambrose simply grew exasperated at the incompetence of the negotiating parties and was forced to make her move. Nevertheless, if Obama had opted to make a high-profile public appearance, transit meltdown would have been seriously embarrassing for the authorities.

However, Obama has chosen not to see much of our fine city. The schedule for the new president's first international trip is less than underwhelming. In 1995, the Clintons revelled in the glory of winter, sampling a Beavertail and skating along the Rideau Canal. In sharp contrast, Obama will hold short chats with Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff,

then meet U.S. embassy officials in the less-than-inspirational surroundings of Macdonald-Cartier International Airport. Air Force One will be flying back to Washington after just five short hours.

Obama's logic is that, in an economic crisis, a visit full of pomp and pomposity would not impress the folks back home. The trouble is that such a whistle-stop tour is full of contradictions. Why fly here at all when technology allows you to have the same meetings via video conference, or the good old-fashioned telephone?

Canadian politicians didn't set the best example during the federal election campaign last fall. Stéphane Dion argued for a "green shift." Yet, the Liberal campaign aircraft

was an aging, gas-guzzling Boeing 737.

Except Green leader Elizabeth May, who took a train from coast to coast, all major party leaders had crazy schedules involving regular interprovincial flights. More environmentally friendly schedules would have involved a day of campaigning on the East Coast, then a day of campaigning in Quebec, and so on. Instead, party leaders often took several flights a day. If political leaders want us to fly less and take transit more, they ought to lead by example. It's time for more environmentally conscious politics, starting with the presidential visit.

John Holmes is a writer for various publications in Canada and the U.K. He's never had a driver's licence, and has relied on public transit for all of his adult life.

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Millionth milestone

Last Wednesday, members of One Million Acts of Green logged their one millionth act of green. For more, see www.onemillionactsofgreen.com. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Going Green

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Putting a price tag on water

Some cities exploring delivery options

EarthTones

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Last week, Metro reported the City of Calgary is considering a third-party provider for regional water delivery. A private company would invest in infrastructure such as pipes and water treatment plants and the public would pay the city or the private company to have clean water delivered to its houses.

As the water infrastructure decays and municipalities are increasingly strapped for cash for repair, privatization is being, or has been, considered in many cities across the country.

We Canadians love our water. And we use a lot. Between 1972 and 1996, Canada's rate of water consumption increased by almost 90 per cent, to 45 billion cubic metres per year from 24 billion cubic metres per year. But our population increased by only 33.6 per cent over the same period. Although it would seem

that we live in a land with plenty of water, water conservation is important. We withdraw water from ground or surface water, we use it, and we discharge it, but the quality of the water we discharge is often not as good as the quality of water we withdraw (depending on how it was used and treated). We have contaminated some ground and surface water sources to the point where we no longer want to withdraw water from them.

So, it would seem that decreasing water use should decrease the discharge of pollutants. Privatization of water delivery systems would likely result in our water bills being linked to consumption of water, which is currently true for barely half of Canadians. Many still pay a flat rate for water delivery. A 1999 study showed water use was 70 per cent higher when consumers paid a flat rate for water. Privatization could, then, improve conservation efforts

through the cheap-skate principle (we conserve for the sake of our wallets, rather than the sake of our resources).

However, can we count on private companies to safeguard the integrity of our lakes

and rivers by being vigilant about the quality of the water they discharge? The city of Hamilton privatized its water supply in the early '90s, and throughout the decade the city was plagued by discharges of sewage to basements across the city and to Lake Ontario. Although never proven, these discharges were blamed by many on the privatization of the water plants.

Discharges of sewage to our waterways led to a dramatic decline in water quality. The high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus contained in sewage can lead to algal blooms, which, together with bacteria that degrade the carbon-based portion of the sewage, lead to oxygen concentrations in the water becoming depleted, which leads to the death of fish and other aquatic life. Also, direct sewage discharge can introduce pathogens to our water, such as E. coli, and contaminants such as metals, which can be transmitted either by direct ingestion of water or by consuming fish from contaminated water bodies.

Discharges of sewage do not only occur when private companies are at the helm, however. So, whoever is in charge of delivering and cleaning our water as we move forward will need to meet stringent guidelines and maintain strict controls over discharge, as well as promoting water conservation so we can maintain the privilege of ample clean water.

Sophia Dore is an environmental scientist with Conestoga-Rovers & Associates. Andrew Laursen is an assistant professor at Ryerson University.



News in brief

PROTOTYPE Canadian architecture firm MOSS SUND, in partnership with industrial and mechanical design firm figforty, recently introduced its new rain storage and harvesting prototype that allows

homeowners to conserve water and increase their home's green space. Called CISTA, the prototype works by capturing rainwater flow from a home's eavestrough into a storage tank. This water can then be

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Sports

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Gold for Kucera

Calgary's John Kucera became the first Canadian to win the men's downhill title at the world championships in Val d'Isere, France, on Saturday. Kucera had to watch 36 other competitors race after setting his time of two minutes, 7.01 seconds. Kucera was also the only Canadian to finish the race. Erik Guay of Mont-Tremblant, Que., Manuel Osborne-Paradis of Invermere, B.C., and Jan Hudec of Calgary all crashed out.

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Canada lookin' good

VANCOUVER

2010 Games

The general consensus is that Canada has never experienced another sporting week like it just did internationally.

The podium parade continued yesterday with four gold medals at a World Cup short-track meet in Bulgaria and Kristina Groves' silver medal at the world all-around championships in Norway.

This much can be guaranteed for one year from now: Canada's athletes are going to put on the best show yet seen by this country at a Winter Olympics. You can pretty much guarantee they are

going to win more medals than ever before, topping the 24 at the 2006 Turin Games.

There appears to be too much depth in the ranks for that not too happen, with too many talented athletes and fine coaches.

A few examples to keep an eye on:

- Alex Bilodeau, moguls skier — This guy flies down the hill like the Grim Reaper's on his tail, and

Ottawa's Kristina Groves won silver yesterday at the world all-around speed skating championships in Norway.

they have to notify air-traffic control when he launches himself off the kicker.

- Matt Morison — This 21-year-old snowboarder from Burketon, Ont., near Oshawa, has a world

championship medal, World Cup wins and a winner's mentality without the cockiness.

- Joanne Rochette, figure skater — You've got to give props to someone who wears a dominatrix outfit in the gala, as she did yesterday at the Four Continents championships.

- Kristina Groves, speed skater — Canada hasn't missed a beat even with Cindy Klassen and Wotherpoon injured and she's a huge reason for that.

- The Gregg family — Defenceman Randy Gregg left the Oilers for a year to play in the 1988 Winter Olympics. Now a doctor, he and his wife Kathy, a two-time Olympic speed skater, have a son and daughter who could be on the 2010 team. Jessica won a gold medal yesterday at the short-track World Cup, while Jamie is rising fast as a men's long-track sprinter.

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Conklin conquers Pens in Cup rematch

NHL RESULT

Red Wings 3 Penguins 0



Ty Conklin turned aside all 25 shots he faced to earn his sixth shutout of the season and Pavel Datyuk scored twice as the Detroit Red Wings defeated the Pittsburgh Penguins 3-0 at Mellon Arena.

Conklin, who was a member of the Penguins last season, picked up his 10th career shutout.

Marian Hossa also lit the lamp for Detroit, which has won four straight after

losing the previous five contests. It was Hossa's first game in Pittsburgh since leaving the team as a free agent in the offseason.

These two clubs clashed in the 2008 Stanley Cup final, with the Red Wings capturing their fourth Stanley Cup title in 11 seasons and 11th overall in club history.

It was the teams' first meeting at Mellon Arena since the Red Wings' Game 6 Cup-clinching 3-2 victory on June 4.

Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 26-of-29 shots for the Penguins, who had a brief two-game winning streak snapped. Pittsburgh has dropped four of six.

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Sports in brief

A-ROID A sense of shock and disappointment was voiced yesterday in the wake of a report that baseball's highest paid player Alex Rodriguez tested positive for steroids in 2003.

Major League Baseball withheld comment on Rodriguez after Saturday's Sports Illustrated report that

the Yankees slugger was on a list of 104 players that tested positive in confidential testing. But not the nation's newspapers.

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Workology

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College boosted?

The global economic downturn's impact on the job market is forcing some graduates to reconsider the value of their college degree, observes Walt Gardner in the Christian Science Monitor. Colleges are designed to develop the skills essential to life-long learning, Gardner writes. **MERO NEWS SERVICES**

Planning your special day

Matters of the Heart

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Canada

Professional wedding planner Leah Elliott is a master of keeping her cool but when that fateful day of vows and kisses comes, she still cries every time.

Elliott, owner of Elan Wedding Consultants Inc., started the company in 2001 but had never thought of herself as an entrepreneur. She previously worked in administration and got into wedding planning by accident as a favour to her friends. Eventually she got so many requests that she figured it was time to go professional.

"I got to a point where I figured I have to start charging!" she joked.

As a wedding planner Elliott says her job is to take away all the stress and challenge of organizing the details of a wedding and let the happy couple instead focus on visualizing their dream wedding. Unlike the stereotype of some fussy old lady who thinks she knows what's best for a couple, Elliott says she is only interested

Elephant?

Leah Elliott has had to do some very interesting things as a wedding planner — including bringing an elephant into Toronto's upscale Yorkville neighbourhood. You can visit her site at elanweddings.com.



Leah Elliott

in making sure the day goes exactly the way a couple wants.

"My main goal is to make sure the client is happy. I'm there to guide people and to make suggestions but I leave the final decisions up to the couple. People who know what they want are very easy to deal with — it's only when people are indecisive that it's hard," Elliott said.

Elliott does most of her wedding planning in Toronto, London and Ottawa and she plans to keep it that way so she can oversee matters in-person and keep a high level of service quality. She says planning weddings in a city like Toronto keeps her job exciting because the city is such a melting pot and each wedding can be full of surprises. Case in point: For one wedding, Elliott brought an elephant into Toronto's Yorkville area.

"There are so many cultures in Toronto that it keeps it fresh. I enjoy that," she said.

Unlike many planners who charge a percentage of the total wedding budget as their fee, Elliott only charges a flat fee and warns people to accept nothing less from a reputable planner.

"Charging a percentage of your budget is a conflict of interest — what's the incentive to keep costs down?" she said.

Working so closely with a bride and groom often means Elliott still gets emotional on a wedding day but she wouldn't have it any other way.

"I've always said the day I stop crying at weddings is the day I quit."



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Wedding planner Leah Elliott says she always tears up when the bride and groom kiss at the end of one of her weddings.

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The University of Toronto has unveiled its redesigned website. Touting the university as the provider of "Canada's answers to the world's questions," the page features a large graphic banner linking to learning opportunities, student life, and research. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Skating away with it

OddJobs

Diane Peters



If you've ever skated down Ottawa's famous Rideau Canal — perhaps

during Winterlude, which is on right now — you have Alain Nantel to thank for the ice beneath your skates.

While Mother Nature, of course, takes care of the basics of freezing the 7.8 km skateway, it's Nantel, 38, and his staff that make sure the ice is just right.

"I go out on the ice every

day," says Nantel, coordinator of operations, facilities and programs for the National Capital Commission (NCC). Usually on skates, he checks out the ice to make sure it's smooth, safe and free of snow.

He's in charge of the contractors who shovel the canal — snow not only gets in the way of skaters, but it weighs down the ice and insulates it, causing it to melt — and those who nightly spray it with water to create a flat skating surface.

Every two or three days, he winds an auger through the ice to take a carrot-shaped sample.

He's looking for 30 cm of good quality ice with his sample: Clear ice is the best stuff, white ice is made of water and snow, and it's not as stable.

Nantel's not a scientist. In fact, the Ottawa native — who grew up an avid skier and canal skater — studied business in college. His

summer jobs always seemed to revolve around special events.

Eleven years ago he started working for the NCC, doing various jobs, mostly related to special events. Four years ago, he started taking care of the skateway, which is in its 39th season this year.

Critical decisions about the ice, such as when to open the skateway (Jan. 1 this year), are taken care of by the NCC's ice safety committee, a panel of experts.

But Nantel knows his ice too, thanks to on-the-job experience, plus the help of the NCC's comprehensive technical and safety manual on ice care. The document was created several years ago, combining information from experienced staff with scientific data.

This ice bible helps Nantel determine, among other things where to place vendors' tents for events



The Rideau Canal Skateway.

such as Winterlude: If they're too heavy and too close together, they could sink or crack the ice.

When the ice is gone in spring and summer, Nantel keeps busy overseeing special events held at the NCC's parks throughout Ottawa.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Coordinator of the Rideau Canal Skateway
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Swanson and Eisler get hitched

Skating with Celebrities winners Kristy Swanson and Lloyd Eisler — who skated for Canada in the Olympics — were married on Saturday. The actress and the skating champ met while competing on the Fox reality show three years ago. **PEOPLE.COM**

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Entertainment

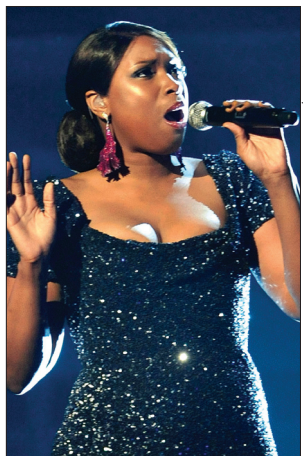
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Danes to wed

Claire Danes and Hugh Dancy are getting married, a rep for the pair confirmed. Danes, 29, and Dancy, 33, met while filming *Evening in Newport, R.I.*, and had been dating for more than a year. **PEOPLE.COM**



Alison Krauss and Robert Plant won five Grammys.



Jennifer Hudson won the Grammy for best R&B recording.



Tenacious D member and actor Jack Black strikes a pose.



Paul McCartney, left, and Dave Grohl perform during the 51st annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles last night.



U2's Bono performs new single *Get on Your Boots* during the Grammy Awards.



R&B singer-songwriter Ne-Yo arrives on the red carpet.



Canadian Jason Reitman and Margaret Yen took home the Grammy for the best compilation soundtrack album for a motion picture for *Juno*.

Grammy showdown

Plant & Krauss take home a leading five Grammy Awards

Former Led Zeppelin singer Robert Plant and bluegrass queen Alison Krauss won five Grammy awards last night for their acclaimed folk collaboration, while British pop singer Adele was named best new artist.

Yet another British act, the rock band Coldplay, received three prizes, as did rapper Lil Wayne.

Plant and Krauss, the favourites to win the coveted album of the year award for *Raising Sand*, won record of the year for *Please Read the Letter*, a reworking of a tune he wrote with former Led Zeppelin bandmate Jimmy Page. He and Krauss also won prizes in the pop, folk/Americana,

Grammy winners

- Best R&B recording: Jennifer Hudson, Jennifer Hudson
- Song of the year: *Viva La Vida*, Coldplay
- Best pop collaboration with vocals: *Rich Woman*, Robert Plant & Alison Krauss
- Best rock album: *Viva La Vida*

and country categories.

"Forty years after landing in this town, it's all different. It's fantastic," Plant, 60, said after receiving the award for pop collaboration with vocals.

Coldplay won the key song of the year award for their hit single *Viva La Vida*. The award goes to the song's writers, in this case all four members of the

band. Or Death And All His Friends, Coldplay

- Best new artist: Adele
- Record of the year: *Please Read the Letter*, Robert Plant & Alison Krauss
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band.

The tune earlier won a Grammy in the pop category, and the band won best rock album for *Viva La Vida*. Coldplay will also compete for album of the year.

"We feel so grateful to be here," singer Chris Martin said as the band took the stage for the rock album

award. "I'm gonna tear up."

Lil Wayne won his awards in the rap field, including best rap song for the hit tune *Lollipop*.

Adele, a 20-year-old London native who earlier won a Grammy for her tune *Chasing Pavements*, took the best new artist award over compatriot Duffy, teen idols the Jonas Brothers, country act Lady Antebellum and R&B singer Jazmine Sullivan.

The first winner during the telecast, was Jennifer Hudson, the Oscar-winning *Dreamgirls* actress who was honored in the best R&B album category for her self-titled album.

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Rapper Lil Wayne has confessed to a secret hobby — he's a passionate bowler. The Lollipop hitmaker admits he spends much of his free time playing Nintendo's Wii games and has perfected the art of virtual tennis, bowling and golf. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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5 Paul Blart: Mall Cop: \$11 million

6 Push: \$10.2 million

7 Slumdog Millionaire: \$7.4 million

8 Gran Torino: \$7.2 million

9 The Uninvited: \$6.4 million

10 Hotel for Dogs: \$5.8 million

REUTERS

Milk, Slumdog winners

Rags-to-riches romance **Slumdog Millionaire** furthered its winning streak in Hollywood's awards season Saturday, earning best adapted screenplay for writer **Simon Beaufoy** from the **Writers Guild of America**.

Milk, about slain, 1970s-era gay politician Harvey Milk, grabbed best original screenplay for Dustin Lance Black who gave an impassioned speech challenging the gay community to re-energize itself in the struggle for gay equality.

Black talked about how Milk's legacy inspired him to dream that one day his screenplay could be made into a film and reach as many people as it had with a message of change and hope.

"Big dreams are how change really happens," Black told the audience of film and television writers. "Join me in continuing this fight for civil rights."

But the night truly belonged to Slumdog, which tells of a young Indian boy who competes for love and money on a TV game show.

Together with the WGA's honour, it has now earned



Dustin Lance Black won a WGA award for Milk.



Simon Beaufoy bagged a WGA award for Slumdog Millionaire.

top awards from the other major Hollywood guilds and is the clear frontrunner for the best movie Oscar.

Slumdog was named best movie by the Producers Guild of America, Briton Danny Boyle was picked best director by the Directors Guild of America, and the movie's actors were judged best ensemble cast by the Screen Actors Guild.

The Oscars, given out by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences on Feb. 22, and many of the guild members also belong to the academy making their awards key indicators of winners of Academy Awards, the

world's top film honours.

Beaufoy, however, was not on hand to accept his WGA trophy as he was traveling to London for another awards ceremony given by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA).

In other top film awards given out Saturday by the WGA, Israeli war film *Waltz with Bashir* was named best documentary.

Major television awards went to *Mad Men*, whose writers won for best TV drama, and to *30 Rock*, which took home the WGA trophy for best TV comedy.

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DATE NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Romeo & Juliet: It all starts here, first with Shakespeare, and then the 1936 movie version with Norma Shearer and Leslie Howard as the titular doomed lovers. TCM Canada, Tuesday, 12:30 p.m.

Love Story: Love means never having to say you're sorry. It's on Friday at 7:40 a.m. and 4:40 p.m. on The Movie Network's MRPIX.

Gone with the Wind: One of the most romantic movies of all time stars Clark Gable and Vivienne Leigh, airing on MRPIX Wednesday at an appropriately cuddly 11:50 p.m., basking in the warm afterglow of Atlanta on fire.

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Fantasy's fine, but let's get real. Thursday's CBC Doc Zone has the ultimate happily-ever-after with

Valentine's Day

Love Interrupted, two Romeo & Juliet-ish tales of young couples driven apart by race, religion, class and/or parental disapproval, who somehow manage to reunite later on in life. Which is more than you can say for Romeo and Juliet. That starts at 9 p.m.

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Heroes

Superpowers continue to not be the best things to wish for when the Heroes are on the run from their latest adversary and one of their own, Nathan Petrelli. When Matt paints a series of prophetic images, the tragic fate of someone close to him is revealed. 9 PM on 9 NBC; 10 PM on 3 GTV

CSI: Miami

This week Horatio and the CSI team go head to head with a defense attorney who might be involved in a murder cover-up. Few things are better than art imitating life, unless it's life imitating art. We're not sure which we're dealing with here. 10 PM on 13 CBS 7 CTV 104 CTV

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Kate Moss and Anglea Lindvall have been unveiled as the stars of Stella McCartney's latest fashion ad campaign, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The spring/summer '09 line, shot on location in Puerto Rico was photographed by Ryan McGinley. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz

Clooney and Margulies are still good friends

FRIENDSHIP Former ER lovers George Clooney and Julianna Margulies are still crazy for each other after all these years — as pals, that is, people.com reports.

The actors — who played the dashing Dr. Doug Ross and his onscreen love, nurse Carol Hathaway — recently reunited for the medical drama's final season.

"It's been nine years and it was like we'd never been apart," Margulies told eyebrow guru Ramy Gafni, who recently tended to her famous brows at his RamySpa in Manhattan, people.com says.

"She said, 'The chemistry was still there.' She said she loves him to pieces and that

he's such a great guy," says Gafni.

In the final season, viewers will finally find out what became of Ross and his onscreen flame, who never married in the earlier episodes. Clooney, 47, left the show in 1999 for movie stardom, winning an Oscar for 2005's *Syriana*. Margulies, 42, who exited ER in 2000, and her husband, attorney Keith

Lieberthal, had their first child, Kieran, in January.

NBC and Warner Bros. declined to comment on the casting of ER's final season. But on Jan. 26, Clooney told People magazine of his return to County General, "It was fun to be back and it was good to see those guys."

Margulies's rep has previously confirmed she will return to the show. The final episode of ER will air April 2 on NBC.

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Houston makes stunning return

CAREER Stunning-looking and strong-sounding Whitney Houston made a triumphant return to the stage at a pre-Grammy party honouring her mentor, music mogul Clive Davis, wonderwall.com reports.

"I've got it, I've got it!" Houston, looking glamorous in a skintight leopard dress, sang early Sunday morning as she belted a line from one of her classic hits, I'm Every Woman.

But more than a lyric, the website says the performance summarized to the crowd of A-list superstars and top industry execs that the superstar — whose drug use and erratic behavior had caused a shocking fall from grace just a few years ago — was back in top form.



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Rihanna reveals her humanitarian side

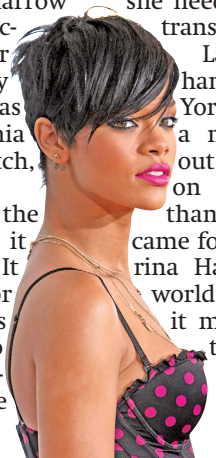
CHARITY Rihanna is stepping forward to help a five-year-old New York City girl find a bone marrow donor — the second time in a year that the Grammy Award winner has helped a leukemia victim seek a match, says people.com

"When I saw the video of Jasmina it broke my heart. It is so unfair that for a black patient it's so much harder to find a bone marrow match," the

singer tells People magazine exclusively. "Jasmina has acute leukemia and she needs a bone marrow transplant to live."

Last February, Rihanna helped New Yorker Lisa Flynn find a match by putting out a call for donors on People.com. More than 5,000 donors came forward, says Katharina Harf of DKMS, the world's largest non-profit marrow donor center.

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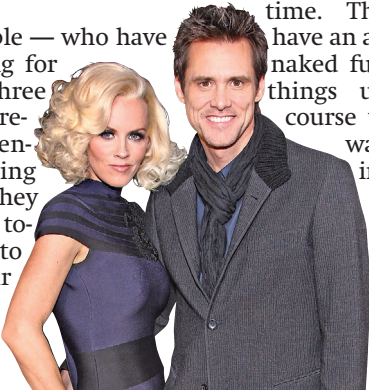
Jim & Jenny's naked days

COUPLE Jim Carrey and Jenny McCarthy have naked days, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The couple — who have been dating for around three years — reportedly enjoy stripping off when they are alone together to keep their relationship exciting.

A source said: "When they're alone they prefer to be nude most of the time. They always have an afternoon of naked fun. It spices things up. But of course they are always dressed in public."

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Usher's family crisis

PEOPLE Usher is dealing with a family crisis, eonline.com reports.

Record mogul Clive Davis shocked guests at his annual star-studded pre-Grammys party Saturday night when he announced that the R&B superstar would not be performing as planned.

Davis, president of Usher's J Records label, announced that the entertainer and his mother phoned earlier to cancel his rehearsal and subsequent performance at the Beverly Hilton because of a "serious illness in the family."

Reps for

Usher declined to comment or elaborate on the sad news, but a source close to the 30-year-old denies rumours that his wife, Tameka Foster, 37, had died following plastic surgery. Access Hollywood does report, however, that Foster did suffer complications from a cosmetic procedure in Brazil.

The couple have been married since August 2007 and have two children. Foster formerly worked as Usher's stylist.

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Paltrow reaches out to Allen

PEOPLE Hollywood actress Gwyneth Paltrow has come to the defence of British pop star Lily Allen — urging the press to leave the singer alone.

Paltrow knows Allen through the Smile hit-maker's screenwriter mother, Alison Owen, who worked with the actress on two films — 2003's *Sylvia* and *Proof* in 2005.

And the Iron Man star is adamant the wide media coverage of Allen's personal life is unfair because the 23-year-old is

so young for her age. Paltrow tells Britain's *Elle* magazine, "The way I feel about that is: Shame on you. They're doing that to a child! Lily is not a woman yet."

"She'll be OK because she's a smart girl, and very talented. But this is a big test to get when you're her age. But in a way, if it makes her go in a good direction, what a blessing. Think about all the crap she's got out of the way."

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Director defends Bale's outburst

CONTROVERSY Though Christian Bale himself called his F-bomb outburst on the Terminator Salvation set "inexcusable," the film's director is coming to the star's defence, people.com reports.

"The film set is a passionate place, and it happens," director McG told fans at a Warner Bros. preview panel at New York Comic Con on Saturday.

"There was no version of, 'Oh, Christian is going to whip his ass.' It was

just sort of a blowup, "We let it run its course, and it did. You obviously only get to hear the explicit parts," he said.

Bale verbally bashed the film's director of photography, Shane Hurlbut, after he accidentally entered the actor's sight lines during filming. The audiotape quickly went viral, sparking mixed reactions, but the on-set drama ended that day, McG insists.

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Drew turns to food when upset

RELATIONSHIPS Drew Barrymore mends her broken heart by eating cheese, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The He's Just That Not Into You actress, who has been married twice, can't help indulging in processed dairy products when her love life is floundering.

When asked what she does after a romance ends, Barrymore replied: "Head straight for the carbs. Macaroni and cheese. Kraft. Deluxe. The kind with the cheese you

squeeze out of a bag that takes at least a month to pass through your body."

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Despite critics, Simpson shows off

IMAGE After more than a week of battling body bulies and fashion critics, Jessica Simpson showed off her figure in a tiny pair of Daisy Duke-style short-shorts onstage in Grand Rapids, Mich., Thursday night, people.com reports.

"She looked phenomenal," gushed concert-goer Scott Pierce, 27, a local Internet technology sales rep.

But Simpson — who seemed nervous and tentative at times — told the crowd of 15,000 that it had been "a rough week."

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Winehouse curbs cravings with pot

ADDICTION Amy Winehouse has allegedly found just the thing to keep her cravings for drugs and alcohol down: Marijuana.

According to U.K. tabloid the Sun, the troubled singer has been smoking as many as 10 joints a day while hiding out in St. Lucia. "Amy hasn't touched crack or cocaine for months," a friend tells the newspaper.

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Ottawa public transit is moving again. What's next?

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Some routes will experience peaks in volume of passengers and buses will be fuller than usual. OC Transpo will have uniformed staff on buses, the O-Train and station platforms — providing assistance, monitoring service and ensuring our passengers and bus drivers have a safe and secure travel experience. Buses are the drivers' workplace and we expect this environment will be safe for them. Your co-operation is appreciated.

- ✓ The Woodroffe bus lane, between Hunt Club and Baseline, remains open until February 23.
- ✓ Most temporary parking and traffic measures will remain in place until full bus service is restored.

Special offers for transit riders

- ✓ Use your December bus pass until the end of March.
- ✓ Your current express, seniors or community pass can be used until April 30.
- ✓ There are no February, March or April payroll deductions for ECOPASS holders.
- ✓ All transit service — including the O-Train — is free until February 15.
- ✓ Saturday and Sunday service is free until the end of February.
- ✓ Seniors ride free every Wednesday for the rest of 2009.

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What happens next?

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- ✓ More buses will return to service once safety inspection and recertification are completed.
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